

**December 13, 2020**

**Sofa Sanctuary**

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle – *George & Sue Cleek*

First Reading: Luke 1:39-56 (Magnificat)

Song                    *He Shall Reign Forevermore (Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher)*

In the bleak midwinter,  
all creation groans  
And for a world in darkness,  
frozen like a stone  
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne

*(Chorus)*

*And he shall reign  
forevermore, forevermore  
And he shall reign  
forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a child is born  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And he shall reign  
forevermore, forevermore*

If I were a wise man, I would travel far  
And if I were a shepherd,  
I would do my part  
But, poor as I am,  
I will give to him my heart

*(Chorus)*

Here within a manger lies  
The One who made the starry skies  
This baby born to give us life,  
Christ the Messiah  
Into our hopes, into our fears  
The Savior of the world appears  
The promise of eternal years  
Christ the Messiah

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*(continued)*

Children's Time – *Karen Anthony*

Second Reading – Luke 2:1-7 (Birth)

Song *Mary, Did You Know? (Buddy Greene)*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby, you kissed the face of God

Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?  
That sleeping child you're holding is the Great I Am.

Third Reading – Luke 2:8-20 (Angels and Shepherds)

Message – *Rev. Dr. Alex Moses*

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Choral Song     *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Charles Wesley/Felix Mendelssohn)*

(Verse 1)

Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic hosts proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

(Verse 3)

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings  
Ris'n with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

(Verse 2)

Christ by highest Heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Closing Prayers and Benediction

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*